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Naloxone (Narcan) Utilization

436.1 POLICY

It is the policy of the Hudson Police Department that officers that have received proper training may administer nasal Naloxone (Narcan) in accordance with established training guidelines provided by St. Croix EMS staff and pursuant to guidelines set forth in Wisconsin Statutes.

436.2 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy it to allow properly trained officers to administer nasal Naloxone (Narcan) for officer protection and treatment should officers be exposed to Opioid substances during the course of their duties. The policy also allows officers to administer Naloxone (Narcan) to any person they find to be having an Opioid overdose.

436.3 DEFINITIONS

Opioid - A sedative/depressant narcotic used primarily in medicine for pain relief.

Naloxone (Narcan) - A medication used to counter the effects of an opioid overdose.

436.4 EQUIPMENT

All sworn officers of the Hudson Police Department will be issued a Naloxone (Narcan) kit. This kit will contain 1 dose of Naloxone (Narcan) and a nasal applicator to administer the dose. This kit will be kept in a small plastic case that will be carried on the officer while they are on duty.

436.5 PROCEDURE

Officers will assess any potential opioid overdose or exposure to themselves, a fellow officer, or other person, to determine unresponsiveness, breathing, and other indicators of an opiate induced overdose or exposure. If an opiate based overdose is suspected the officer should try to use universal precautions and protections from blood borne pathogens and communicable diseases.

It should be noted that rapid reversal of an opioid overdoes may lead to vomiting and/or agitated behavior. Reasonable attempts should be made to anticipate and mitigate these risks, especially as it pertains to officer safety.

Upon EMS's arrival at the scene officers will immediately notify EMS personnel whether they have administered Naloxone (Narcan) and the number of doses administered.

Following the administrations of Naloxone (Narcan) officers shall submit a written report detailing the nature of the incident, the care that was given to the individual, the fact that Naloxone (Narcan) was used, and the results of its use.

436.6 STORAGE AND REPLACEMENT

Officers shall ensure Naloxone (Narcan) doses are stored at a consistent and proper temperature level (59-86F) and out of direct light to avoid degrading the drug's effectiveness.

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Any used, lost, or damaged Naloxone (Narcan) doses shall be report to a supervisor. Replacemen doses will be issued immediately by the supervisor in charge of Naloxone (Narcan) supplies.